



CASANOVA OAK KNOLL

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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CONA Demographics rapidly changing

Everybody hears about changing demographics. CONA is also undergoing this change. Forty-two of our members have moved away or passed on in the last two years. New owners, now new CONA members, are taking their places. Older residents replaced by younger ones, many with young children. They may have different viewpoints and they are a new generation, they can carry on the work of our association in protecting our single family neighborhood.

To give you a glimpse at what your CONA Board dealt with last year: **Dollar Tree:** Last spring we were facing the first high volume store in Monterey. Their corporate administration had absolutely no experience mitigating impacts to adjacent residential homes. Through an education process we now have a

business in harmony with its neighbors, with all issues resolved. An active association, a supportive city staff and with Dollar Tree management contributing, we have a success story.

Cal Am Ground Water Replenishment 36" pipe pump station: Originally slated to be located at the fence line of the homes on Bush Street, through the same support groups, the alternative B site will now be on Fairgrounds property near Casa Verde, not near any homes.

FAA Flight Pattern Changes: Without public comment the FAA changed the flight patterns of all the nation's airports (Next Gen). The change allows early takeoffs and turns for all aircraft. Commercial aircraft heading

North may turn when their wheels lifted off, right over our homes.

We immediately called a joint Board meeting of CONA, Villa Del Monte, and Del Monte Grove Laguna Grande. Together, we drafted a letter to our City Council, leading to a meeting with the Mayor and the Airport District. Together we appealed to Congressman Farr. He met with the head of the FAA in Washington, twice. We now will be one of the very few cities in the country returning to our historical flight pattern with defined safety zones and noise abatement restrictions.

Individuals cannot mobilize and address these major impacts; it takes a neighborhood that is organized and ready to respond.

Schedule of upcoming construction projects in the CONA area

Here is what we expect to occur in the next few months in the Casanova-Oak Knoll area, the dates are tentative and may be adjusted as the projects move forward.

Citywide Street Resurfacing-(going out to bid, construction in August)
Measure P-Fixing Monterey streets:

Casanova - from Fremont to Melway.
Melway Circle- From Casanova to Casanova
Ralston - from Casanova to Casanova
Airport Rd from Dundee to Lilac, Asphalt Overlay and ADA ramp improve-

ments-going to bid in June, Construction late summer/early fall.

Spring next year, we will see work occur on Stuart, Edinburgh, Lerwick, Littleness and Dundee.

January 2017, Cal-Am is installing a 36" water pipeline in N. Fremont St. It will be installed in the southbound lane of N. Fremont to Airport Road, up Airport Rd. turning onto Fairgrounds Road. A possible pump station to be on the Fairgrounds near Casa Verde, the pipeline continuing onto a pipe bridge across Hwy 68. This construction is scheduled to take a few weeks and has been coor-

ordinated closely with the N. Fremont Safety Project.

North Fremont Safety Improvements- This project is under design and should go to construction in Summer 2017. The delay is to allow the desal pipeline to be constructed first. New intersections, adaptive signal upgrades, bikeways and improved pedestrian access on both sides all the way to Canyon Del Rey. These improvements are funded from a State Grant, local grants and Monterey NIP for a total of near \$7 million dollars...Steve Wittry, City Engineer City of Monterey 831-646-3448

CONA ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 22, 2016 . @ 7:00 P.M.

Monterey Airport District Master Plan

This new plan is in the EIR process. It lays out the plan for the Monterey Airport District's future.

Airport North side: they plan to replace all the buildings, many from WWII. CONA was represented at these planning sessions by Board Member, Mike Brassfield. He made sure that CONA's concerns regarding traffic, noise and environmental issues would be addressed in any future uses of this area. Currently the Airport contributes around 20% of the traffic through our neighborhood. So far, the Airport District has not done anything in the way of mitigations for these impacts. This subject is brought up throughout the year with the City of Monterey, which has spent more than a million dollars here on traffic calming measures, street and drainage projects. Its time the District pays it fair share.

New North side: alternate access point; this is the vacant land that parallels the runways. Its comprises over 150 acres. CONA's position and that of the City of Monterey is that the District installs a separate access point to this area on Canyon Del Rey prior to any new buildings or new uses.

We are way beyond the point that we can endure any increased commercial traffic through our neighborhood streets. A new pattern has developed due to the extreme congestion on N. Fremont Street during peak hour traffic. Cars are now coming down Fairgrounds Road and proceeding up Airport Road, down Casanova, thereby bypassing four traffic signals and saving 10-15 minutes of gridlock. Our streets cannot handle this volume or speeds.

CONA ANNUAL MEETING

Please attend our annual meeting. It is the most important meeting of the year. Monterey Councilman Ed Smith will be our featured speaker. This is your opportunity to express your opinion and your priorities on our neighborhood and city.

The Monterey Police Community Action Team will also be there. Let's talk to them about neighborhood issues. Speeding cars, by-pass traffic and how we can become more aware of police problems before they get larger.

It is truly daunting to deal with the amount of information and issues presented to Monterey neighborhood associations today. Your Board of Directors is kept informed on regular emails, if it's really important; those emails go to our general membership. Everything is so time sensitive now; that printed flyers can rarely be done, with composition, printing, sorting, delivery to volunteers who bring them to you all takes a lot of time. The CONA Board is asked frequently to go to meetings requested by Monterey and other jurisdictions, a lot of meetings. One example is the last Neighborhood Improvement Program voting night, it ended at 1:30 a.m., important work while exhausting. We have a Board member at monthly CERT meetings, NIP, N. Fremont Business District and many commission meetings. We receive two to ten emails a day, an interesting one from a couple in Los Angeles who are looking to buy a home in CONA. They found our website and decided they want to live here.

We now have members who ask that our newsletters be mailed to them in Seattle, Sacramento, Clovis, Salinas, Carmel, Pebble Beach and one in Phoenix. Some have homes they rent out here, others use their homes as second homes. They now number over twenty homes. Neighborhood associations are there to protect our homes, it is heartening to see this increased in our membership.

You have a lot of experienced Board members, what we need now are new people who we can transfer this institutional knowledge too.

We have to look to our future and provide continuity of leadership. Are you ready?

DOOR PRIZES

All members at the annual meeting will receive a ticket for door prizes that will be drawn for:
**Fire Extinguishers &
Smoke alarms
See's candy (donated)
Drawing at the end of the meeting**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2016

GENERAL MEETING

June 22 – Wednesday

7:00 to 8:45 p.m.

PARK CENTER

735 Ramona

Agenda

7:00 Call to order

Reports

2016 Election of officers

Old Business

2016-17 Priorities

New Business

7:30 Monterey Police Community Action Team (CAT)

7:45 Monterey Councilman Ed Smith

8:45 Adjournment

COME & BRING YOUR NEIGHBOR

2015

CONA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President-Richard Ruccello

Vice-president-Gary Carlsen

Secretary-Mary Larkin

Treasurer-Debra Maxwell

Board members

Michael Brassfield

Kimberly Svetich-Will

Robert Yoha

Paul Warfield

Webmaster-Louis Agaze

NIP Representative-Richard Ruccello

Alternate NIP Representatives:

Mike Brassfield

Kimberly Svetich-Will

2016 Calendar

June 11 & 12 – Garage Sale Sat.&Sun

June 22 – 7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting

December – Firemen's Toy Drive

34th. Annual
Casanova Oak Knoll Neighborhood Association
2 Days!!!

Neighborhood-Wide
GARAGE SALE

Rain or Shine
Saturday & Sunday June 11 & 12, 2016
Start time 10:00 a.m.
No pre-registration

Each year our association places multiple ads in the Herald listing all our streets. All our members are invited to have their garage sale in their own driveway.

Your Choice! Saturday or Sunday – ONE, BOTH OR NOT AT ALL

Neighborhood Improvement Program 2016

NIP 2016: The total amount since inception now exceeds \$64 million dollars.

CONA projects passed by NIP in April:

- N. Fremont Adaptive intersection signals \$100,000
- Stuart traffic study \$30,000 for turning the street into a cul-de-sac, requested by unanimous petition.
- CONA trees \$10,000, replacement of landmark trees.

Mayor Clyde follows up on Aircraft impacts

From: Clyde Roberson <roberson@monterey.org>

Date: May 17, 2016 at 9:35:22 AM PDT

Subject: FAA flight paths

I contacted Sam Farr's office and received very good news.

With regards to flight patterns over Monterey, he shared that the FAA has agreed to change the flight patterns back to the way it was originally. He said that the question is no longer if the FAA will agree to a change, but when the change will happen--he speculated that around August 2017 the flight patterns would officially change. He did add, however, that the control tower is aware of the plan to go back to the original patterns, and are now routinely directing air traffic to the original patterns (though it is not yet officially adopted).
Mayor Clyde

Monterey Public Library CONA Bookmobile Stops:

The library comes to you, avoid the gridlock and lack of parking.

Every Thursday you can find the Bookmobile at

Casanova Oak Knoll Park 2:30-3:45 p.m.

Lerwick Drive 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Books and materials can be ordered on line for delivery at these stops: www.monterey.org/library

Airport Rd Solar Speed sign

We have been going through a process to get these signs repaired and they should be in operation by the time you read this, they do help slow traffic and can give traffic enforcement the ideal times to cite violators.

Ramona/Euclid/Airport Road intersection

This has been a problem intersection for many years.

It is a three way stop with the Ramona side being the only true stop. Cars refuse to come to a halt at the other two stop signs Euclid/Airport Road. There is only one crosswalk; it is the only safe passage for pedestrians on the upper side of the street to cross. The access to our Park, pre-school and after-school program all need this crosswalk. Every time police ticket violators, the violators call and yell at city hall, the police back off and we start the circle all over again.

Upwards of over half the traffic either rolls through the stop signs or just blows right by them. Is it going to take a pedestrian/car collision before we can get people to obey traffic rules?

Neighborhood Video Partnership

A new concept on fighting crime.

This program is sweeping the country. If you have photo video surveillance of your home, please email CONA, we will start a confidential list of homes in our area so equipped. In the event of break-ins or any type of crime, the police can contact our association. When police contact us describing the area they need information about, we will contact you to see if you are willing to help, it will be your decision You may be able to supply vital documentation to help the police stop criminal activity in our neighborhood..

C.O.N.A. ACHIEVEMENTS

Our neighborhood had an organization as far back as 1958, but there was a long period of inactivity on the part of our neighbors in the 70's. In 1982 the problems facing our neighborhood started to accumulate. As you review the *short highlights* (included would be an annual garage sale, and toy drive), please note how the successes have changed **your quality of life in our neighborhood.**

1983

- Neighborhood Plan & Survey
- Reopened Fairgrounds Road Jazz Festival parking.
- Park renovation & cleanup
- \$22,000 HUD grant

1984

- CPR class
- Neighborhood mediation classes
- 45 street trees planted
- Neighborhood Watch-1st in Monterey to implement a full watch program & paid for our own signs.
- Carved Park sign (by Leland Peterson)
- Neighborhood Plan completed with highest survey results in City
- Door viewers & smoke alarms installed for members.

1985

- CDBG funds for sidewalking one side of Airport Road. \$50,000
- Life membership to Planner Butch Cope
- New Bookmobile ordered for City
- J.C.Penny Community Service Award
- P.G. & E. Community Service Award

1986

- Capital Improvement Program -\$50K Casanova right turn lane to N. Fremont
- Street sweeper is back!
- Fairgrounds parking program
- Sidewalks curbs & gutter on Ramona

1987

- Stop sign installed at Bruce Lane
- New retaining wall with landscaping at Fairgrounds & Airport Road
- Dundee fill in sidewalks completed
- Sidewalks installed on Lerwick
- Ramona side street stop signs
- Casanova finished in fill sidewalks and added a school bus stop area.
- Ralston granite boulders oak island
- Garden road walkway approved

1988

- Sidewalk infill Airport, Edinburgh, Littleness Stuart
- Cypress Bowl building torn down
- Installed City of Monterey entry monument on N. Fremont.
- N. Fremont Street name change
- Caroling Trolley for Christmas

1989

- Major remodeling of park, new playground equipment, barbecue area
- Approval of sidewalks Airport, Euclid, Fern ,Bush
- Approve bike path on Mark Thomas
- Successfully opposed Ramona 14,000 sq. ft. office building
- Successfully petitioned Monterey Planning Commission to require more attractive design on Blockbuster
- Successfully opposed live entertainment at Brick House

1990

- Airport Road beautification project
- Airport Road & Olmstead intersection approved
- NIP purchased property for a CONA Center

1991

- Airport implements noise abatement
- Community Center planning started

1992

- Fairgrounds **stops** motorcycle racing
- Generator added to Park Center
- Fairgrounds carnival gate landscaped with funds from C.O.N.A.

1993

- Community Center opens!
- Pre-school started at Center

- Ivy street sidewalks approved
- Airport sound insulation under way
- 1993 Xmas Caroling Trolley Ride \$1,237 for Herald's Christmas Cheer

1994

- Emergency Preparedness Class
- CPR Class
- Parking Ordinance approved
- Lilac sidewalks approved
- Neighborhood 5 year plan completed
- Water storage tank for Center
- N. Fremont landscaping approved
- Picnic area renovation approved
- Spaghetti dinner fund-raiser for teen equipment

1995

- N.E.R.T. graduated 25 team members
- Purchased 2 Emergency radios
- Obtained special FCC license
- Picnic area renovation completed
- CPR class
- Park Center Acoustical tiles & carpet upgrade

1996

- N.E.R.T. graduated almost 50, #1
- Playground fencing & flagpole
- Purchased 3rd. emergency radio

1997

- Full time director at Park Center
- NERT radio base station Park Center
- 3 additional NERT radios A.T.&T.
- NERT steel storage shed to be installed at our Park

1998

- Successfully raised funds for police night scope and new canine unit.
- Activated NERT team 3 times during heavy rains in February.
- Resident parking program for Melway Circle started.

1999

- First 2 day neighborhood garage sale
- Neighborhood 8 dumpster cleanup with NERT supervision
- First CONA City Council forum at our Park Center
- 35 street trees planted
- NERT emergency shed installed

2000

- Exposed Airport toxic plumes
- New N. Fremont Plan adopted
- N. Fremont Phase I drainage passed.
- 40 street trees planted
- Storage added to Park Center
- Upper BBQ area renovated

2001

- Restored \$350K Health Risk Study
- Additional \$1.5M accelerates cleanup
- \$35K CONA Traffic Study
- Melway drainage improvement
- \$150K Airport Road drainage passed
- \$7.5K in additional street trees planted

2002

- Melway/Casanova drainage NIP \$52K
- Casanova/Ralston crosswalk \$25K
- Stuart partial street closure \$8K
- N.Fremont signal coordination \$30K

2003

- Cona traffic calming I&II-\$215K
- New playground equip -\$8K
- Bruce Lane curb&gutter -\$43K
- Chemical cleanup accelerated 3 yrs.

2004

- NIP 20 driveway approaches \$60K
- CONA traffic calming phase III \$200K
- Solar speed signs \$30K

- Park Center pre-school deck \$5K
- Park Center power window opener \$4K

2005

- New Park Bench installed at Park Center
- 3 New CONA entry signs approved
- CONA Traffic Calming Phase IV
- NIP 20 driveway approaches Phase II

2006

- CONA appeal of new loading dock for Safeway results in mandatory quiet time
- The day after appeal the carsplitting gas generator turkey trailer left hopefully for good
- CONA Traffic Calming Phase V approved
- NIP 20 driveway approaches Phase III
- Successfully opposed return of motorcycle races at Fairgrounds
- Obtained extra funds for entry signs

2007

- 825 Casanova condo conversion approved
- Final driveway approaches approved
- Two solar speed signs for Casanova approved
- CONA entry signs installed
- Record breaking CONA XMAS toy drive
- City Council supports CONA Airport resolution

2008

- Sidewalk trip hazards repaired
- New streetlight in front of Park Center
- New Fairgrounds fence facing neighborhood
- New traffic calming reduces speeds in CONA
- City engaged in meetings with Seaside to design new entry at Canyon Del Rey
- North Fremont Street Streetscape Plan started.

2009

- Replacement emergency water tank
- N. Fremont streetscape adopted
- CONA CERT team doubles in numbers
- CONA Neighborhood revitalization program
- New Bookmobile serving neighborhood
- Handicap access installed at park play area

2010

- \$40K HUD grant for CONA spring cleanup
- 1st in city to get hazardous waste pickup
- \$20K provided for home remodels
- Program funds for CONA code enforcement

2011

- Crosswalks approved for disabled on Casanova
- Renovation for Park BBQ area approved
- Neighborhood Watch cards delivered to members
- Spring Cleanup was a success

2012

- NIP approves extra \$42,000 towards designing Casanova/Euclid ADA ramps & crosswalks
- CONA approved & purchased new CERT radios

2013

- USACE Plume cleanup finished at \$18 million
- N. Fremont Plan finished with CONA input
- 32 CONA CERT graduates – sign up now!
- Solar radar speed signs installed on Casanova

2014

- \$6.48 million dollar N. Fremont grant
- \$200,000 in NIP matching funds for N. Fremont
- Park BBQ shade structure
- ADA and sidewalk repair on Casanova
- Melway storm drain relining
- New CONA CERT shed roof approved by NIP

2015

- NIP passed Stuart traffic study
- FAA Airport success in restoring flight patterns
- Success in moving GWR pump station
- N. Fremont Adaptive Signal upgrade

FREE EMERGENCY SKILLS TRAINING



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist their families and others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT also participates in searches for missing persons, coastal spotters for persons swept out to sea, storm response and other common emergencies.

Learn These Skills and Many More:

Emergency First-aid
Use of a fire extinguisher
Disaster Preparedness
Shutting your utilities

Rescue
Communications when phones fail
Assessing your home or workplace after an
earthquake or storm

All classes are taught in Monterey. Anyone may enroll by sending an e-mail of interest to:

training@montereycert.org You will receive a confirmation.

Persons without e-mail can leave a phone message at **(831) 646-3416**.

This class provides 24 hours of public service credit to High School Students!

The next CERT training takes place over 2 consecutive weekends starting September 10th and continuing over September 17th & 18th.. Class time each day is 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Attendance at all three days is necessary to graduate.

Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center Happenings

Hello neighbors! This summer is shaping up to be another beautiful summer in Monterey's "sun-belt!" Don't forget, the Casanova Oak Knoll Park BBQ areas are wonderful for your next birthday party, family reunion or other special event. Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center is also an indoor option for your next event. With a maximum capacity of 75 people, the light and airy center offers vaulted ceilings, a full kitchen, activity room and main hall area.

We are offering several enriching classes and events at Casanova Oak Knoll Park Center this summer and fall season. We will continue to offer Tot and Youth classes such as Masks, Pumpkins and Other Spooky Creations, Mini Monet, Tots-In-Motion, Art Camp, Super Science Lab and much more! Our Cooking Camps and Young Chefs classes are also a great way for kids to learn their way around the kitchen and whip up some delicious delicacies!

We will also be offering a few "special edition" cooking classes this season. Guitar Lessons will begin in August for ages 8 and older. As well as all of our other programs, we also offer an afterschool program. Our Afterschool program, "Stay-N-Play" is in its fourth year and has grown tremendously since it began. If you are interested in enrolling, you can do so online at Monterey.org/rec or at our downtown office, 546 Dutra Street.

This year, we are partnering up with the Monterey Fire Department and the Monterey Fireman's Association to offer a Free Movie in the Park! The Movie in the Park will be Friday, July 29th. There will be face-painting, cotton candy, popcorn and much, much more! We hope to see you all there!

If you have any questions, please give us a call [831-646-5665](tel:831-646-5665)!

We look forward to serving you soon!

FAA Regional emergency drill

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 began with a major FAA required disaster drill up at the Airport North side.

Simulating a plane accident involved a C130 four engine Coast Guard plane, 3 helicopters from as far away as McClellan Air Force Base, 14 Fire Engines, 5 ambulances, over 50 victims, 50 Monterey CERT's and many emergency personnel participated. It was an impressive turnout demonstrating that newly purchased communication gear works well across many jurisdictions. This training will save lives, the number of victims produced a daunting situation, but this is the way it may be.

Monterey Fairgrounds news:

The sheep and swine barns are scheduled to be removed (pending final approval from the State of California) on June 24th. after that time, the grading will begin for the Monterey Event Center (MEC). Construction equipment and trucks will utilize Gate 7. The MEC is scheduled to open in November 2016.

The fence replacement is completed. At this point, maintenance staff is working on repainting sections from Gate 7 to Gate 1. The Cardinale and Wright gate will be moved to Gate 6B (between Gates 6-7) as this will be their new location starting in October for the Pumpkin Patch and Christmas Tree Lot. A new gate will be installed at Gate 7 for the Monterey Event Center.

Sight screen will be installed for the Roots Festival and then permanently installed after June 1st. Landscaping of the Carnival Lot perimeter will begin in September.

And of course the highlight of our year is the 80th. Annual Monterey County Fair to be held August 31-September 5, 2016.

Kelly Violini CEO kelly@montereycountyfair.com

City of Monterey Housing Element

A few months ago all the Monterey neighborhoods were surprised to learn of a year long housing committee that produced recommendations from the Monterey Planning Commissions:

They recommended residential zoning changes:

- Legalizing existing second units
- Encouraging new second units
- Looking into short term rentals
- Decoupling new apartment parking rules

The recommendation was to have city staff explore these changes neighborhood by neighborhood.

Obviously these changes could be major change in a neighborhood's character. Putting it into the plan would put residents on the defensive, thankfully the City Council by a 3-2 vote decided not to include it into this document. More housing does not always mean affordable housing, the market determines prices. We have bought a little time, nothing is guaranteed. There has to be a better way to supply housing than doubling up on small residential lots. Our General Plan specifies that increased development is to go in commercial mixed use areas.